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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOW  
TEMPERATURE ANNEALING OF  
METALLIZATION MICRO-STRUCTURES IN  
THE PRODUCTION OF A  
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICE

Examiner: W. T. Leader

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, please find enclosed a petition to extend the deadline to respond by three months, and please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.